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1. (LOU) "FRIDAY REPORT", PREPARED FOR A/S WEEKLY
MEETING, FOLLOWS. SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
THE REPORT IS SENSITIVE. DEALING WITH INTERAGENCY MATTERS
CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION OR REVIEW. DISTRIBUTION SHOULD
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AF AND PRESIDENT CLINTON

WHILE MANY OF US CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT FAME WILL
EVENTUALLY COME OUR WAY, PRU BUSHNELL, ARLENE RENDER AND
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THE MEMBERS OF THE RWANDA TASK FORCE RECEIVED A
ELL-DESERVED DAY IN THE SUN WHEN PRESIDENT CLINTON PAID A
VISIT TO THE OPS CENTER ON TUESDAY EVENING. COMPLEMENTS
ON THE SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION DIDN'T STOP THERE, HOWEVER.
THE KUDOS CONTINUED TO COME FROM THE SECRETARY AND MANY
OTHERS IN THE WASHINGTON ESTABLISHMENT. THE FRIDAY REPORT
WANTS TO SPREAD THESE WORDS OF PRAISE TO ALL WHO LENT
THEIR SUPPORT TO THE RWANDAN EFFORT.

THE WEEK IN AF

A/S MOOSE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON IN THE MIDST OF EVENTS
SURROUNDING THE RWANDAN SITUATION. CONSEQUENTLY, MR.
MOOSE CANCELLED HIS KEYNOTE SPEECH AT THE ANNUAL TRADE AND
INVESTMENT CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ON
EDNESDAY. THE A/S DID, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO HOLD A VERY
FULL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS ON VARIOUS OTHER AFRICAN ISSUES.

ON MONDAY, A/S MOOSE MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOUTH
AFRICA'S DONOR COMMUNITY AS THE U.S. AND OTHERS MOVE
CLOSER TO DEVELOPING POST-ELECTION ASSISTANCE PACKAGES.

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LATER IN THE WEEK, A/S MOOSE APPEARED WITH ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR HICKS BEFORE HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICIALS TO BRIEF ON THEM ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. MR. MOOSE MET WITH REVEREND LEON SULLIVAN ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS HIS PLANS FOR PROMOTING POST-ELECTION INVESTOR RESPONSIBILITY. REVEREND SULLIVAN ALSO DISCUSSED HIS PLANS FOR HOLDING THE NEXT AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUMMIT IN LAGOS AND HIS IMMINENT

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COMMENCEMENT OF AN AIDS PROJECT IN GHANA. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, EL SAYED, CALLED ON A/S MOOSE TO DELIVER A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK TO PRESIDENT CLINTON ON SOUTH AFRICA.

A/S MOOSE HELD A COUPLE OF MEETINGS ON THE SUDAN THIS WEEK BEGINNING WITH FRANCIS DENG, BROOKINGS INSTITUTE FELLOW, AND SUDAN OPPOSITIONIST BONA MALWAL ON TUESDAY. ON WEDNESDAY, MR. MOOSE ATTENDED BOTH A LUNCH AND DINNER SPONSORED BY NEW MEXICO CONGRESSMAN BILL RICHARDSON IN HONOR OF TINY ROWLAND.

A/S MOOSE ALSO HELD MEETINGS THE MALAGASY PRIME MINISTER RAVONY ON SATURDAY. HE MET WITH CAMEROONIAN AMBASSADOR JEROME MENDOUGA REGARDING THE NATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION PROBLEMS. MR. MOOSE ALSO MET WITH BELGIAN AMBASSADOR CASSIERS REGARDING RWANDA ON THURSDAY. ON FRIDAY, A/S MOOSE MET WITH BABACAR NENE MBAYE, SENEGALESE SECRETARY GENERAL, AND TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR ISMAIL KHELIL, ABOUT THE UPCOMING OAU SUMMIT IN TUNIS. LATER IN THE DAY, FORMER ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA VISITED A/S MOOSE.

ON THURSDAY, MR. MOOSE HELD A MEETING WITH DAS BUSNELL AND AF/RA TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF THE AFRICA 2000 CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON MAY 20. THE CONFERENCE WILL BRING TOGETHER SCHOLARS, DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FACING U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

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KEY PERSONNEL

APOLOGIES TO POSTS WE HAVE BEEN NEGLECTING THIS WEEK. ALL

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OF AF/C HAS BEEN PULLING DUTY ON THE RWANDA TASK FORCE.

RWANDA/BURUNDI

-- BURUNDI CALM, ORDERED DEPARTURE BEGINS:

BURUNDI REMAINED CALM THIS WEEK, BUT EMBASSY BUJUMBURA BEGAN A PRECAUTIONARY DRAWDOWN OF NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS. THE U.S. MARINES WHO HAD DEPLOYED TO URUNDI TO SUPPORT THE RWANDA EVACUATION FINISHED THEIR MISSION, AND RE-DEPLOYED TO KENYA ON APRIL 12. THE OPERATION PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY, AND THE SECRETARY SENT A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO THE BURUNDIAN PRESIDENT FOR GOB AND BURUNDIAN MILITARY COOPERATION DURING THE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM RWANDA.

-- BLOODBATH IN KIGALI, EXPATS DEPART:

BLOODY BATTLES CONTINUED IN KIGALI BETWEEN THE RPF AND THE RWANDAN ARMY. ELEMENTS OF THE MAIN RPF FORCE LINKED UP

WITH THE 600-STRONG CONTINGENT WHICH HAD ENTERED KIGALI IN DEC. AS PART OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS. TWO-HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR AMERICANS, OFFICIAL AND FRIVATE, WERE SAFELY EVACUATED FROM RWANDA, AND MOST ARE ON THE WAY BACK TO THE .S. THE FRENCH COMPLETED EVACUATION OF THEIR NATIONALS BY MID-WEEK, BUT SOME FRENCH MILITARY REMAINED BEHIND TO SUPPORT THE BELGIAN MISSION. THE BELGIANS EXPECT TO CONCLUDE THEIR OPERATION BY APRIL 15, AND WILL WITHDRAW THEIR NATIONAL CONTINGENT FROM RWANDA. THE BELGIAN BLUE

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HELMETS ATTACHED TO UNAMIR WILL WITHDRAW FROM RWANDA WITH THE REST OF THE UN FORCE AS SOON AS THE UNSC MAKES A DECISION ON THE MANDATE. AMB. RAWSON RETURNS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 18.

ZAIRE

-- PLUS CA CHANGE....:

MOBUTU WASTED LITTLE TIME BEFORE PROMULGATING ZAIRE'S TRANSITION CONSTITUTION ON APRIL 9. THE CLOCK IS NOW TICKING ON THE 10 DAY PERIOD GIVEN THE OPPOSITION AND MOBUTU'S PARTISANS TO AGREE ON A NEW PRIME MINISTER. AS USUAL, THE POLITICAL CLASS IS BICKERING ABOUT THE MANNER OF SELECTION, AND ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE OPPOSITION (POLITICAL PURITY IN THIS AREA SEEMS TO BE JUDGED PRIMARILY ON DEGREE OF SUPPORT FOR TSHISEKEDI'S RIGHT TO &E PM). A/S MOOSE MET ON APRIL 14 WITH THE BELGIAN AMB. TO WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH THE DISCUSSION FOCUSSED

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PRINCIPALLY ON THE RWANDA/BURUNDI CRISIS, THE TWO TOUCHED
ON THE AMBIGUOUS POLITICAL SITUATION IN ZAIRE.

CAMEROON

-- BAKASSI: THE WORLD TOUR...:

DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE PRESIDENCY EPHRAIM INONI
TOOK UP CAMEROON'S DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE ON BAKASSI IN
WASHINGTON THIS WEEK, CALLING ON P/DAS ED BRYNN AT STATE,
AND ON DOD, NSC, AND USUN OFFICIALS AS WELL. INONI
EXPLAINED THE CAMEROONIANS HAD ABANDONED ANY ATTEMPT AT A
BILATERAL SOLUTION, BECAUSE SUCCESSIVE NIGERIAN
GOVERNMENTS RENEGE ON THE PROMISES OF THEIR PREDECESSORS.

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HAVING BROUGHT THE DISPUTE TO THE OAU AND REFERRED IT TO
THE ICJ, CAMEROON NOW SEEKS U.S. SUPPORT FOR A HEARING
BEFORE THE UNSC.

-- IT'S ALL A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING...:

AMB. MENDOUGA CALLED ON A/S MOOSE APRIL 13, SAYING HE HAD
A BIG JOB AHEAD RECTIFYING INCORRECT U.S. INTERPRETATIONS
OF CAMEROON'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION RECORDS.

MENDOUGA CLAIMED U.S. CRITICISM IS EXAGGERATED; THE
SITUATION ON BOTH FRONTS HAS IMPROVED SINCE PRESIDENT BIYA
CAME TO POWER, AND PROGRESS CANNOT BE FURTHER HASTENED
WITHOUT RISKING RWANDA-STYLE INSTABILITY. A/S MOOSE
AGREED MENDOUGA HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM, NOTING OUR
VIEW THAT PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION
STALLED AFTER A GOOD START IN THE EARLY YEARS OF BIYA'S
RULE.

CHAD

-- TRANSITION EXTENDED; TRADITION RESPECTED:

CHAD'S TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL VOTED TO EXTEND THE TRANSITION
PERIOD ESTABLISHED BY THE 1993 NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
ANOTHER YEAR, TO APRIL 9, 1995, AND SET A TIMETABLE FOR
EVENTS LEADING UP TO DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS TO
BE HELD IN MARCH 1995. ON APRIL 14 PRESIDENT DEBY (A
NORTHERNER) MADE AN IMPORTANT CONCILIATORY GESTURE TO
SOUTHERN CHADIANS BY ATTENDING THE CEREMONY FOR THE
REBURIAL OF CHAD'S FIRST PRESIDENT, FRANCOIS TOMBALBAYE,
IN HIS HOME VILLAGE NEAR SARH IN SOUTHERN CHAD. THE 1975
MURDER OF TOMBALBAYE IN A COUP LED BY NORTHERNERS AND HIS

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INTERMENT IN THE NORTHERN OASIS OF FAYA LARGEAU WAS DEEPLY
RESENTED BY SOUTHERN CHADIANS.

-- AND MEANWHILE UP NORTH:
AN ADVANCE TEAM OF UN OBSERVERS FROM MINURSO (UN MISSION
IN WESTERN SAHARA) IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE AOZOU
STRIP TO OBSERVE THE BEGINNING OF THE LIBYAN WITHDRAWAL,
AS SPELLED OUT IN THE APRIL 4 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAD AND
LIBYA. EXPERIENCED LIBYA WATCHERS HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS
THAT LIBYA WILL REALLY GIVE UP CONTROL OVER THE
LONG-DISPUTED BAND IN THE SAND.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

-- U.S. SPECIAL FORCES ANTI-POACHING TRAINING GOING WELL:
EMBASSY BANGUI IS IN DAILY RADIO CONTACT WITH A GROUP OF
U.S. SPECIAL FORCES DOING ANTI-POACHING TRAINING FOR
CENTRAL AFRICAN ARMY (FACA) TROOPS IN THE NORTHEASTERN
CORNER OF C.A.R. THE TROOPS ARE NEAR GORDIL, IN THE ST.
FLORIS NATIONAL PARK, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S RICHEST AND
MOST REMOTE RESERVES. THE SPECIAL FORCES REPORT THAT THE
TRAINING EXERCISE IS GOING WELL, [REDACTED]

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-- EVEN EMPERORS ARE SUBJECT TO THE LAW:

FORMER C.A.R. EMPEROR JEAN BEDEL BOKASSA JOINS A
DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF EX-DICTATORS WHOSE COUNTRIES ARE
TRYING TO SEIZE THEIR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS. BOKASSA APPEARED
BEFORE A BANGUI MAGISTRATE THIS WEEK ON CHARGES OF
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MISUSING GOVERNMENT FUNDS. THE CARG, SEARCHING FOR FUNDS
TO PAY SALARY ARREARS DUE CIVIL SERVANTS, HAS BEGUN COURT
PROCEEDINGS WITH THE AIM OF RECUPERATING AND SELLING SOME
OF BOKASSA'S HOLDINGS IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, INCLUDING A
CHATEAU.

CONGO

-- APRIL SHOWERS:
POST HEARS THAT PRESIDENT LISSOUBA PLANS A TRIP TO GEORGIA
IN AUG./EARLY SEPT. TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN
ATLANTA. WE'VE ASKED AMB. PHILLIPS AT THE CARTER CENTER
TO CHECK ON THE REPORT. MEANWHILE, SKIRMISHES BETWEEN

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GOTC POLICE AND LOYALISTS OF FORMER PRESIDENT SASSOU HAVE DISTURBED THE PEACE IN THE MPILA NEIGHBORHOOD OF BRAZZAVILLE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. POST EAC MET AND THE EMBASSY IS ADVISING AMCITS VIA THE WARDEN NETWORK TO AVOID THE MPILA AREA AND AVOID TRAVELING AT NIGHT IN THE CITY. OPPOSITION LEADER BERNARD KOLELAS CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION EVEN THOUGH INTERIOR MINISTER MARTIN MBERI APPEARED IN PARLIAMENT TO DECRY A DECENTRALIZATION LAW WHICH WOULD ENABLE KOLELAS TO BECOME MAYOR OF BRAZZAVILLE. ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT (AND MOUVANCE PARTY MEMBER) ANDRE MILONGO SENT THE BILL BACK TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR RECONSIDERATION.

-- CLEAR AS CRUDE:

A WORLD BANK MISSION IS IN BRAZZAVILLE

GABON

-- KNICKKNACKS; PADRE BACK:

PERE PAUL MBA ABESOLE RETURNED TO LIBREVILLE FROM PARIS APRIL 14. A CROWD OF SOME 200 GREETED HIM AT THE IRPORT. A SOURCE AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TOLD CONSOFF THAT THE GOG IS NOT PLANNING ANY LEGAL ACTION FOR THE MOMENT, AND ABESOLE WILL NOT BE ARRESTED. ON THE

ECONOMIC FRONT, THE GOG ANNOUNCED PUBLIC SECTOR SALARY INCREASES WHICH WILL RAISE THE GOG TOTAL WAGE BILL BY 10 PERCENT. THE ENRICHED EMOLUMENTS WERE NOT ENOUGH TO ENTICE TWO DEPUTIES CALLED TO PRIME MINISTER OYE-MBA.S FOURTH GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT THEIR NOMINATIONS.

JEAN-FRANCOIS NTOUTOUME-EMANE REFUSED THE PORTFOLIO OF MINISTER OF STATE CONTROL, DECENTRALIZATION, TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION. RIDICULING IT AS "A MINISTRY MADE UP OF KNICKKNACKS."

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

-- DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENTS:

GOSTP SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COOPERATION MATEUS RITA IS

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PLANNING A WORKING VISIT TO THE U.S. APRIL 20-25. IN THE LONGER VIEW, POST NOTES THE WHEELS ARE SLOWLY BEGINNING TO TURN TOWARD PREPARATIONS FOR SAO TOME'S SECOND-EVER

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MULTIPARTY LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS. THE BALLOTING WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY 1995. ALL 55 SEATS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE CONTESTED.

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ETHIOPIA

-- HELP FOR THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR?
SIA HAS INDICATED IT WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A CONSULTANT TO WORK WITH THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN ADDIS ABABA OR TO ASSIST WITH SETTING UP A PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. USIA HAS IN MIND STUART DEMING, AN ATTORNEY WITH FEDERAL PROSECUTORIAL EXPERIENCE, WHO HAS RECENTLY WORKED WITH THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

-- ELECTIONS PREPARATION QUERY:
IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER TO GEORGE MOOSE FROM NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NDI) PRESIDENT, KENNETH WOLLACK, CONCERNING PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING JUNE 5 ELECTIONS, WE CONTACTED JOE BAXTER. MR. BAXTER, WHO IS WITH THE D.C. ELECTION COMMISSION, PROVIDED AN EXTENSIVE REPORT ON HIS RECENT ACTIVITIES WITH THE ELECTION BOARD OF ETHIOPIA. WHILE CONCERNS ARE RAISED IN HIS REPORT, MR. BAXTER FEELS THAT THE ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD IN A TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE MANNER IF PREPARATIONS ARE EXPEDITIOUSLY CARRIED OUT.

-- EMBASSY PRESSES ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ON OROMO

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DETAINEES:
ON APRIL 8 AMBASSADOR BAAS MET WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE MATEHMA SOLOMON TO DISCUSS THE NEARLY 5,000 DETAINEES STILL HELD AT THE HURSO, DIDESSA, AND "KOREA" FACILITIES. THE AMBASSADOR REINFORCED THE USG'S POSITION THAT IT IS SIMPLY WRONG FOR THE DETAINEES TO BE HELD INDEFINITELY WITHOUT RECOURSE TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. MINISTER MATEHMA AGREED WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S POINTS AND PROMISED

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TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AT AN UPCOMING MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA (TGE) OFFICIALS.

ADAGASCAR

-- PRIME MINISTER SAYS ALL THE RIGHT THINGS TO A/S MOOSE:
IN HIS FINAL USG MEETING PRIME MINISTER RAVONY SAID HE HAD
REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF ON ECONOMIC REFORM AND THAT
A PROGRAM COULD BE IN PLACE BY AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. HE
ALSO CLAIMED THAT HE IS NOW WILLING TO ASSERT HIS
LEADERSHIP AND THAT HE HAS REACHED THE NECESSARY POLITICAL
CONSENSUS AT HOME TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC REFORMS. A/S MOOSE
CONGRATULATED HIM ON THE TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY, WISHED
HIM LUCK ON ECONOMIC REFORM, AND URGED HIM TO TACKLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. RAVONY WAS VERY CANDID ON THE INNER
MACHINATIONS OF THE MALAGASY POLITICAL SYSTEM.

TANZANIA

-- GOT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE ON RWANDA:
THE GOT URGENTLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN HELPING EVACUATE
ITS CITIZENS FROM RWANDA. A NUMBER OF THEM ENDED UP
JOINING THE CONVOY OF AMERICANS TO BURUNDI; HOWEVER, IT
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APPEARS THAT THE CHARGE AND ONE STAFFER MAY STILL BE IN
KIGALI. EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM REFERRED THE GOT TO THE
BELGIANS, FRENCH OR UN TO HELP GET THEM OUT. THE
TANZANIANS ALSO REQUESTED THAT WE GRANT ASYLUM TO RWANDAN
FOREIGN MINISTER GASANA. WE HAVE REFERRED HIM TO THE
UNHCR. FOR ITS PART, THE GOT OFFERED TO ALLOW US TO STAGE
HELICOPTERS IN TANZANIA SHOULD THEY BE NEEDED.

SOMALIA

-- APRIL RECONCILIATION TALKS POSTPONED:
IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 15, WILL BE
POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 25 OR LATER. WHENEVER THE MEETING
STARTS, IT IS NOT LIKELY TO MOVE QUICKLY. MOST OF THE
DIFFICULT DECISIONS REGARDING THE POWERS AND SELECTION OF
A FUTURE GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESOLVED DURING THE

PREPARATORY SESSION. THE FORMAL CONFERENCE, STILL SET FOR
MAY 15, WOULD MOST LIKELY RATIFY ITS RESULTS.

-- KISMAYO TALKS ON HOLD AS TENSION INCREASES:
THE PEACE DISCUSSIONS FOR THE KISMAYO AREA, SET TO START

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ON APRIL 8, HAVE BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL MID-APRIL, AT THE EARLIEST. THE VARIOUS FACTIONS ARE SQUABBLING OVER THE SIZE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NEGOTIATING DELEGATIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS KISMAYO STAFF HAS SHIFTED TO MOGADISHU BECAUSE OF CONTINUING ATTACKS ON ITS OFFICES AND THREATS TO ITS WORKERS. AIDEED'S SNA HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATING ITS CONTROL OF MERCA, WHICH IT SEIZED ON APRIL 10 AFTER THE SSNM

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MILITIA RAN OUT OF AMMUNITION, AS WELL AS OTHER POINTS IN THE SOUTH.

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-- KEY PERSONNEL:

JOHN P. FELT. CURRENTLY IN TORONTO, IS EXPECTED TO JOIN AF/EPS AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN JULY. IN THE MEANTIME, WILLEM BRAKEL IS SERVING AS ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR WHILE CONTINUING TO COVER HIS PORTFOLIO OF DEBT POLICY, IMF, AFDB, CFA ZONE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

-- TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE ON AFRICA A SUCCESS: OVER ONE HUNDRED BUSINESSPERSONS AND INTERESTED OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN AN APRIL 12-13 CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY COMMERCE AND STATE IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. PRESENTERS AT THIS EVENT INCLUDED COMMERCE, STATE USAID, EXIM, OPIC, TDA, THE WORLD BANK, THE CORPORATE COUNCIL ON AFRICA AND MISSOURI'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT OFFICE. A FULL DAY WAS DEVOTED TO ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTICIPANTS. LIONEL JOHNSON OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED OFFICE OF RESOURCES, PLANS AND POLICY (S/RPP) GAVE THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS.

-- USAID PERFORMANCE-BASED BUDGET REVIEW:

IT IS TIME AGAIN FOR USAID/AFR'S PERFORMANCE-BASED BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS TO BEGIN. INTENT ON STREAMLINING WHAT THEY ADMIT WAS A CUMBERSOME PROCESS LAST YEAR, AFR IS PLANNING TO RUN JUST THE 21 "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" COUNTRIES THROUGH THEIR COMPUTERIZED SCORING SYSTEM. NON-PRESENCE AND CLOSE-OUT COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. FROM THAT

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PROCESS, THEY WILL COME UP WITH A WATCH LIST OF COUNTRIES THAT FOR REASONS OF POOR ECONOMIC POLICY OR LACK OF COMMITMENT ON DEMOCRACY/GOVERNANCE NEED TO BE ANALYZED

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FURTHER. AFR INTENDS TO SHARE THE WATCH LIST WITH AF FOR OUR COMMENTS AND CLEARANCE. CABLES WILL THEN BE SENT TO POSTS/MISSIONS IN WATCH COUNTRIES ASKING FOR FIELD ANALYSIS OF COUNTRY PERFORMANCE IN SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS. FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN LATE MAY.

-- WORLD BANK REVIEWS INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT:
THE BANK'S ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT RECENTLY RELEASED A REPORT ON RESETTLEMENT PROBLEMS AND LESSONS LEARNED. SOME 10 MILLION PEOPLE ARE DISPLACED ANNUALLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DUE TO VARIOUS TYPES OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. WORLD BANK-FINANCED PROJECTS ACCOUNT FOR LESS THAN THREE PERCENT OF THIS TOTAL. FOURTEEN BANK PROJECTS ACTIVE IN 1993 WILL INVOLVE RESETTLEMENT OF TWO MILLION PEOPLE OVER A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN INFLUENCING COUNTRIES' RESETTLEMENT POLICIES, IN AVOIDING THE UNNECESSARY DISPLACEMENT OF PEOPLE, AND IN LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR PROTECTING THE INCOMES AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF THOSE RESETTLED.

-- FOLLOW-UP ON USAID'S USE OF AEPRP IN FRANC ZONE COUNTRIES:
WE CONTACTED USAID/AFR THIS WEEK TO GET AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF USAID'S USD 17 MILLION FY 94 AEPRF PACKAGE FOR CFA COUNTRIES. THE PACKAGE ARRIVED ON JOHN HICKS' DESK ON
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APRIL 8 AND CURRENTLY AWAITS HIS APPROVAL. THE CONTENTS OF THE PROPOSED PACKAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS: (1) CFA COUNTRIES THAT WILL RECEIVE MONIES FROM AEPRP ARE MALI, SENEGAL, BENIN, AND NIGER. NO COUNTRIES WITHOUT USAID MISSIONS WILL BE RECIPIENTS OF AEPRP FUNDS. (2) THE PACKAGE PROPOSES USD 4 MILLION FOR MALI, USD 3 MILLION FOR SENEGAL, USD 3 MILLION FOR BENIN, AND USD 2 MILLION FOR NIGER, TO BE PUT INTO EXISTING NON-PROJECT ASSISTANCE (NPA) VEHICLES; (3) APPROXIMATELY USD 3 MILLION IS PROPOSED TO START A THREE-YEAR REGIONAL MONITORING SYSTEM WHICH WOULD MEASURE THE IMPACT OF THE DEVALUATION IN THE ZONE; (4) ANOTHER USD 2 MILLION WOULD GO TOWARD THE DESIGN OF A LONG-TERM PROJECT ENTAILING ASSISTANCE TO FRANC ZONE COUNTRIES (THOSE WITH USAID MISSIONS); THIS WOULD BE CONDITIONED UPON IMPROVEMENTS IN THE REGIONAL TRADING ENVIRONMENT.

-- VISITING ANGOLA TEAM DISCUSSES 1994 ECONOMIC PLAN:

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AT A WORKING BREAKFAST ON APRIL 13 SPONSORED BY THE
US-ANGOLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, VICE MINISTER DE MORAIS
PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW ON ANGOLA'S AMBITIOUS ECONOMIC PLAN

TO A GROUP OF PRIVATE INVESTORS AND USG OFFICIALS. THE
GRA PLANS TO INSTITUTE ECONOMIC MEASURES TO ESTABLISH A
MARKET,BASED ECONOMY. THE PACKAGE IS DESIGNED TO
STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT, REDUCE INFLATION REDUCE THE DEFICIT
AND ESTABLISH A NEW EXCHANGE REGIME. IT CALLS FOR
GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, WHILE THE PRIVATE
SECTOR IS ENCOURAGED TO INVEST IN THE AGRICULTURE AND
PETROLEUM SECTORS--SEEN AS THE ENGINES FOR GROWTH.

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THE DELEGATION ALSO PRESENTED ITS PROGRAM TO THE IMF. AS
RESULT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, IMF MISSIONS ARE TO VISIT
ANGOLA IN EARLY MAY AND JULY. IF AN ESAF AGREEMENT IS NOT
REACHED AT THAT TIME, ANOTHER MISSION IS SET FOR
NOVEMBER. IT APPEARS THAT NEITHER THE IMF NOR THE WORLD
BANK HAVE PRE-CONDITIONED THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE SIGNING
OF A PEACE ACCORD.

-- AFDB PRESIDENT'S VISIT:
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK PRESIDENT BABACAR N'DIAYE CALLED
ON U/S JOAN SPERO ON APRIL 1. SPERO PRESSED KEY USG
CONCERNS ABOUT THE BANK'S LOAN QUALITY THE NEED TO
STRENGTHEN MANAGEMENT, AND GOOD GOVERNANCE. N'DIAYE
REQUESTED U.S. SUPPORT FOR A REAL INCREASE IN
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND'S SEVENTH
REPLENISHMENT, AND STRESSED HIS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING
BANK OPERATIONS ALONG THE LINES RECOMMENDED BY A RECENT
INTERNAL TASK FORCE.

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-- BUDGET NEWS:
AF/EX COMPLETED A REVIEW OF MID-YEAR FINANCIAL PLANS
INCLUDING THE EXPECTED GAINS AS A RESULT OF THE CFA
DEVALUATION. ADJUSTMENTS TO POST ALLOTMENTS WILL BE MADE
IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS THAT REFLECT THE IMPACT OF LOCAL
CURRENCY DISBURSEMENTS AND PROJECTION OF WAGE AND PRICES
FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. POSTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO REPORT WAGE AND PRICE INCREASES AS THEY OCCUR TO
UPPORT AF'S FINANCIAL POSITION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FY-94
AND BEYOND.

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8. AF/RA

NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

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SOUTH AFRICA

-- MEDIATION COLLAPSES:

THE SHORT-LIVED INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION EFFORT LED BY HENRY KISSINGER AND LORD CARRINGTON COLLAPSED APRIL 14 DUE TO BUTHELEZI'S INSISTENCE THAT THE ELECTION DATE BE PART OF THE MEDIATION EFFORT. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THE SAME DAY, KISSINGER SAID THE MEDIATORS HAD COME TO SOUTH AFRICA ON THE UNDERSTANDING THE PARTIES HAD AGREED ON TERMS OF REFERENCE. WHEN THIS PROVED NOT TO BE THE CASE, THE MEDIATORS CONCLUDED THEY COULD MAKE NO USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROCESS.

-- ON APRIL 14, A/S MOOSE AND AID/AFR AA JOHN HICKS BRIEFED CONGRESSMAN JOHNSTON AND 25-30 STAFFERS ABOUT THE TRANSITION PROCESS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE AID PROGRAM IN SOUTH AFRICA. JOHNSTON AND SEVERAL STAFFERS MADE CLEAR THEIR CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE REALLOCATION OF DFA FUNDS FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SOUTH AFRICA. HICKS SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WAS PREPARING A PACKAGE OF WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BE PROUD.

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-- LUSAKA TALKS: STILL WAITING ON THE GRA:

THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN LUSAKA AS THE GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE MEDIATION'S PACKAGE ON UNITA PARTICIPATION IN A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE HARE HAS BEEN RECALLED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS.

LESOTHO

-- RLDF KILLS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER:

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS KILLED TODAY BY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL LESOTHO DEFENSE FORCE (RLDF) AS THEY ATTEMPTED

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TO TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY. FOUR OTHER MINISTERS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY HAVE BEEN RELEASED UNHARMED BUT REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY. THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN THE EMBASSY. IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THIS INCIDENT REPRESENTS A COUP D'ETAT OR AN ATTEMPT TO RID THE CABINET OF "HOSTILE" MINISTERS. THE APPARENTLY UNPLANNED MURDER OF THE DPM MAY HAVE LED THE PLOTTERS TO ABANDON THEIR PLAN TO HOLD THE MINISTERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE CONCESSIONS FROM THE GOL. THE PRIME MINISTER APPARENTLY REMAINS IN CONTROL AND PLANNED A RADIO BROADCAST LATE ON APRIL 14.

-- NONETHELESS, THE SITUATION REMAINS MURKY. WE AND THE UK HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMONWEALTH WHOSE MEDIATORS ARE EN ROUTE TO MASERU WE ARE ASKING PRESIDENT MASIRE OF BOTSWANA AND PRESIDENT MUGABE OF ZIMBABWE TO INTERVENE TO DEFUSE THE CRISIS AS THEY DID IN JANUARY. THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE RULED OUT FORCE BUT ARE PREPARED TO USE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY LINKS TO PERSUADE THE RLDF TO

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STAND DOWN.

-- ALTHOUGH OPPOSING ARMY FACTIONS HAVE RESUMED THEIR HIGH GROUND POSITIONS, MASERU REMAINS CALM. ALL AMCITS ARE SAFE. MASERU'S WARDEN NETWORK HAS BEEN ACTIVATED; ALL WARDENS HAVE EMBASSY RADIOS. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STAY AWAY FROM MASERU FOR THE TIME BEING.

MALAWI

-- DOES THE NEW MCP HAVE A CHANCE?
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER HETHERWICK NTABA AND MINISTER OF STATE JOHN TEMBO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THE MCP WANTS FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS AND BELIEVES IT CAN WIN PLAYING BY THE RULES. NTABA, HOWEVER, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REFORM OF THE MCP WAS NOT YET COMPLETE BUT PLEDGED TO DETECT ANY IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED BY THE PARTY AND PUT A STOP TO THEM. MEANWHILE, FINAL REGISTRATION FIGURES INDICATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS REGISTERED, A HIGHER NUMBER THAN ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED.

MOZAMBIQUE

-- ELECTIONS SET:
A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ISSUED APRIL 11 HAS SET MOZAMBIQUE'S FIRST MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 27 AND 28. THE ACTION FOLLOWED INITIAL RESISTANCE BY PRESIDENT

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CHISSANO, WHO ARGUED FOR SOME TIME THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RUSH TO CHOOSE A DATE FOR ELECTIONS BEFORE ALL THE LOGISTICAL DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT. PRESSURE FROM THE
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SUPERVISORY AND CONTROL COMMISSION (CSC) A CALL IN THE MOST RECENT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, AND THE MESSAGES DELIVERED BY HIGH LEVEL VISITORS SUCH AS U.S. UN AMBASSADOR MADELEINE ALBRIGHT AND SYG SPECIAL ENVOY ISMAT KITTANI, WERE APPARENTLY PERSUASIVE. EMBASSY MAPUTO SAYS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DATE HAS GALVANIZED THE PEACE PROCESS BUT CAUTIONS THAT MANY HURDLES REMAIN TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE ELECTIONS CAN TAKE PLACE.

NAMIBIA

-- PLANNING FOR VP VISIT BEGINS:
A WHITE HOUSE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM WILL TRAVEL TO BOTH SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA APRIL 18-22, TO PLAN FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN INAUGURATION AND FOLLOW-UP TRIP TO NAMIBIA. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS YET TO MAKE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT THE VICE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO LEAD THE DELEGATION. BOTH EMBASSY WINDHOEK AND AF/S HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE NAMIBIANS TO DISCUSS PRELIMINARY PLANNING.

ZAMBIA

-- RULING PARTY SWEEPS BY-ELECTIONS:
THE SWEEP OF SIX PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTIONS BY THE MOVEMENT FOR MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY (MMD) ON APRIL 7 HAS LEFT IT IN VIRTUALLY UNCHALLENGED COMMAND OF THE ZAMBIAN POLITICAL SCENE. DESPITE CONTINUING INTERNAL PROBLEMS, THE MMD HAS REGAINED MOST OF THE STRENGTH IT HAD PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF THE OPPOSITION NATIONAL PARTY LAST AUGUST. HOWEVER, THE MMD'S CONTINUED DOMINANCE WILL
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DEPEND ON A VARIETY OF FACTORS, MOST IMPORTANTLY THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM.

ZIMBABWE

-- PRE-ELECTION VIOLENCE MARS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE:
ZIMBABWE'S VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE HAS BEEN LESS THAN

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SUCCESSFUL TO DATE; YET WITH ALMOST A YEAR TO GO BEFORE THE ELECTIONS, THE RULING PARTY IS PHYSICALLY ATTACKING ITS OPPONENTS. ON APRIL 10, A DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICIAL AS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED BY 30 ZANU-PF SUPPORTERS. THE FOLLOWING DAY, 300 MEMBERS OF THE ZANU-PF YOUTH AND WOMEN'S LEAGUES ATTACKED 10 ZIMBABWE UNITY MOVEMENT YOUTHS, BURNED TENTS AND A TRAILER AT THE RALLY GROUNDS, AND STONED PARTY CO-PRESIDENT TEKERE'S CAR IN ZIMBABWE'S THIRD LARGEST CITY, CHITUNGWIZA. RIOT POLICE BROKE UP SUBSEQUENT SCUFFLES, AND THREE ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

-- AN ESTIMATED 10,000 SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE GONE TO ZIMBABWE UNTIL AFTER THE SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTIONS. THEY ARE STAYING WITH RELATIVES OR FRIENDS, CAMPING. OR VISITING ZIMBABWE'S RESORTS. THOSE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE WILL BE ABLE TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE COMMISSION IN HARARE AND AT A SITE TO BE IDENTIFIED IN BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE'S SECOND LARGEST CITY.

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BENIN

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-- DEVAL/REVAL PUTS BRAKES ON BORDER TRADE:
THE RECENT DEVALUATION OF THE CFA AND THE REVALUATION OF THE NIGERIAN NAIRA HAVE TOGETHER HAD A DEPRESSING EFFECT ON THE BENIN/NIGERIA CROSS BORDER TRADE, PARTICULARLY THE INFORMAL TRADE IN RICE TOWARDS NIGERIA. IN A RECENT TOUR OF SOUTHERN BORDER POSTS ON BOTH SIDES, EMBASSY OFFICERS NOTED SIGNIFICANTLY LESS ACTIVITY THAN USUAL THOUGH CERTAIN ITEMS, SUCH AS BOOTLEG GASOLINE, ARE STILL IN EVIDENCE. ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT WAS THE DRAMATIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OFFICIALDOM ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE BORDER. THOSE ON THE BENIN SIDE WERE OPEN AND RELAXED WHILE THE NIGERIANS WERE ALMOST UNIVERSALLY UNCOOPERATIVE. EMBOFFS SUSPECTED THAT THIS HAD MORE TO DO WITH A DESIRE BY THE NIGERIANS FOR SOME SMALL REMITTANCE TO GET THEIR TONGUES MOVING THAN TO ACTUAL POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, HOWEVER.

BURKINA FASO

-- UNKNOWN SELECTED TO BE FOREIGN MINISTER:
THE NEW BURKINABE FONMIN, ABLASSE OUEDRAOGO. IS NEITHER A KNOWN QUANTITY IN LOCAL CIRCLES NOR A CAREER DIPLOMAT. HE HAS, UNTIL THIS APPOINTMENT, BEEN ABROAD SINCE HE LEFT

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BURKINA IN 1973 TO BEGIN UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN GABON AND FRANCE.

CAPE VERDE

-- SQUATTERS HIJACK STUDENT DEMONSTRATION; OFFICES VANDALIZED:

NORMALLY TRANQUIL PRAIA SAW A DEMONSTRATION GET OUT OF
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HAND APRIL 12, WHEN ANGRY SQUATTERS TOOK OVER A STUDENT MARCH INTENDED TO PROTEST TOUGHER REQUIREMENTS FOR SKIPPING EXAMS. TWO WEEKS AGO DEMONSTRATORS HAD PROTESTED THE MAYOR'S DECISION TO EVICT THE RESIDENTS OF ILLEGALLY CONSTRUCTED HOUSES AND BULLDOZE THE BUILDINGS. THIS TIME THE MOB MARCHED ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, VANDALIZED IT AND TERRORIZED EMPLOYEES INSIDE. SUCH REJECTION OF AUTHORITY IS UNUSUAL IN CAPE VERDE AND TROUBLING TO OFFICIALS.

COTE D'IVOIRE:

-- STUDENTS ARE AT IT AGAIN:
THE CALL FOR A 72-HOUR STRIKE BY THE IVORIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION, FESCI, WAS GENERALLY HEEDED ON COTE D'IVOIRE'S UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES BUT THE GROUNDS FOR THE STRIKE - A DEMAND FOR A 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN STUDENT GRANTS - HAS ESSENTIALLY ZERO SYMPATHY AMONG THE IVORIAN POPULATION AT LARGE. THE STRIKE WAS ALSO IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS IN CUSTODY ON CHARGES STEMMING FROM AN EARLIER DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WAS ASSAULTED AND PROPERTY DAMAGED AND LOOTED. COTE D'IVOIRE'S UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE BEING SEEN MORE AND MORE AS A PAMPERED MINORITY WHO ARE NOT DOING THEIR SHARE TO RESPOND TO THE COUNTRY'S TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES. ACCORDING TO FESCI'S CRITICS, THEIR DEMANDS FOR HIGHER STIPENDS AND STUDENT MISADVENTURES SUCH AS THE RECENT DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY ARE HURTING THEIR POSITION, EVEN AMONG A GROWING CADRE OF STUDENTS WHO SIMPLY WANT TO GET ON WITH THEIR EDUCATIONS UNDISTURBED.

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GHANA

-- NORTHERN SITUATION STILL WORRISOME:

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ONE OF THE NORTHERN PARAMOUNT CHIEFS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS APRIL 11 THAT HE FEARS THE ETHNIC GROUPS INVOLVED IN FEBRUARY'S FIGHTING COULD BAND TOGETHER AND TRY TO DRIVE THE KONKOMBA TRIBE INTO TOGO, THEREBY INTERNATIONALIZING THE CONFLICT. MEANWHILE, THE ASANTEHENE, RULER OF THE ASHANTIS AND THE MOST POWERFUL CHIEF IN GHANA HAS CONVOKED THE FEUDING CHIEFS FOR AN APRIL 21 MEDIATION MEETING. THE GOG BEGAN A SIMILAR SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH THE FACTIONS AND THEIR PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES APRIL 12. OBSERVERS REMAIN CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOG HAS NO PLAN TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF FIGHTING.

GUINEA-BISSAU

-- VOTER REGISTRATION UNDER WAY:

VOTER REGISTRATION BEGAN APRIL 11 AND IS EXPECTED TO RUN UNTIL APRIL 23. CENSUS/REGISTRATION TEAMS ARE WORKING IN 1,207 DISTRICTS, EACH OF WHICH CONTAINS ROUGHLY 400 ELIGIBLE VOTERS. THE PROCESS IS OFF TO A GOOD START. CONCURRENTLY, THE GUINEAN HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT, WITH AREAF FUNDING AND INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE COORDINATION, ALSO GOT UNDER WAY. ELECTIONS SHOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE TOWARD THE END OF JUNE, THE RAINY SEASON NOTWITHSTANDING. MALI

-- TRIAL OF STUDENTS POSTPONED:

THE TRIAL OF SIX STUDENTS ACCUSED OF DAMAGING PROPERTY
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DURING THE FEBRUARY DISTURBANCES IN BAMAKO HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS DUE TO FAILURE TO PROPERLY NOTIFY THEM OF THE TRIAL DATE. THIS POSTPONEMENT COINCIDES WITH THE REOPENING OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON APRIL 11TH THROUGHOUT MALI. THE REOPENING WAS NOT ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL AS OLDER STUDENTS SUCCEEDED IN FORCING A LARGE NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN BAMAKO TO RETURN HOME.

LIBERIA

-- TANZANIANS UP THE ANTE ON SUPPORT CONCERNS:

THE TANZANIAN MILITARY CHIEF OF STAFF, ON A VISIT TO MONROVIA, SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE TANZANIAN ATTALION WITH ECOMOG BE WITHDRAWN UNLESS FUNDS ARE FOUND TO PAY STIPENDS FOR THEM. HE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT DELAYS IN UN-PROVIDED SUPPORT AND WAS ANGERED AT THE TONE AND CONTENT OF OUR RECENT LETTER OFFERING HUMVEES AND 5-TON TRUCKS FOR THE LIBERIA MISSION. CITING COMPATIBILITY

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CONCERNS WITH CURRENT ROLLING STOCK THE GOT WOULD PREFER GERMAN OR INDIAN VEHICLES. WE HAVE RESTATED OUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE STIPENDS BUT ARE EXPLORING ADDITIONAL WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT HELP OFFSET COSTS INCURRED BY THE TANZANIAN AND UGANDAN BATTALIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO FLEXIBILITY ON THE TRUCKS, WHICH MUST BE OF US-MANUFACTURE.

-- TENSIONS BETWEEN UNOMIL AND ULIMO:

ULIMO HAS HARRASSED UNOMIL OBSERVERS IN THE WESTERN COUNTIES AND RESTRICTED THEIR MOVEMENTS FOLLOWING RECENT UNOMIL ACTIONS TO EVACUATE KRAHN CIVILIANS FROM TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY THE MANDINGO ULIMO FORCES. UNOMIL HAS ALREADY WITHDRAWN PERSONNEL FROM AREAS NEAR THE SIERRA

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LEONE BORDER WHERE THE WORST KRAHN-MANDINGO FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED AND MAY PULL BACK ADDITIONAL OBSERVERS UNLESS ULIMO RELENTS.

MAURITANIA

-- MAURITANIAN CONTACTS WITH ALGERIA AND CUBA:

PRIME MINISTER OULD BOUBACAR'S MARCH 23-24 VISIT TO ALGERIA REPORTEDLY STEMMED FROM DEEP MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM) CONCERN OVER THE FUTURE OF ALGERIA, MAURITANIA'S SOLE PETROLEUM SOURCE. THOUGH WARY OF ALGERIAN ISLAMISTS, THE GIRM VALUES ALGERIA AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO MOROCCO AND FOR ITS LEVERAGE OVER THE POLISARIO. ALSO, CUBAN VICE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS RODRIGUEZ VISITED NOUAKCHOTT MARCH 29-30 TO PROMOTE COMMERCIAL TIES AND DEFEND CUBA'S HUMAN RIGHTS

RECORD, BUT NOT, ACCORDING TO THE GIRM, TO DISCUSS THE WESTERN SAHARA, DESPITE CUBA'S LONG-STANDING TIES WITH THE POLISARIO.

-- ISLAMIST ASSAILANT REARRESTED AFTER FRENCH PRESSURE:

THE DOULOS COMMUNITY, A U.S.-BASED NGO OPERATING THE PL 480 TITLE II PROGRAM IN MAURITANIA, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE RELEASE FROM FRISON OF HAMMA OULD HADRAMI, THE UNREPENTANT, REPUTED RADICAL ISLAMIST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 1993 ATTACK ON TWO FRENCH PRIESTS IN NOUAKCHOTT. HIS REARREST MAY HAVE OCCURED IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE ON THE GIRM BY MAURITANIA'S MAJOR PATRON, THE FRENCH, COUNTERVAILING THAT FROM ISLAMIST ELEMENTS FOR HIS RELEASE. DOULOS' DIRECTOR FEARED FOR ITS MEMBERS SAFETY

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GIVEN DOULOS' IMAGE IN ISLAMIST QUARTERS AS A
PROSELYTIZING CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION. EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
ALSO DEMARCHED THE GIRM ON THIS MATTER.

-- MAURITANIAN PRESS: FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, NEW PRESS
ASSOCIATION:
TWO MORE PRIVATE JOURNALS FOLDED FOR FINANCIAL REASONS,
BUT THE WELL-ESTABLISHED JOURNAL, MAURITANIE NOUVELLES,
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED PUBLICATION AFTER BATTLING THE GIRM
PRINTING PRESS OVER ACCESS TO GERMAN AID TO THE PRESS. LA
VERITE, A NEW WEEKLY WITH LINKS TO HARD-LINE ARAB BAATHIST
AND PARTICIPANT IN A NEW, PRO-ARABIC, PRO-ISLAMIC PRESS
ASSOCIATION, ACCUSED EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT OF CONTROLLING AND
SUBVERTING THE INDEPENDENT PRESS. THEIR APPEARANCE MAY
INDICATE THAT DIE-HARD NASSERISTS, BAATHISTS, AND OTHERS
WITH SOME POCKETS OF GIRM SUPPORT, DECIDED TO COUNTER THE
LIBERAL, GENERALLY PRO-WESTERN AND STRONGLY
ANTI-GOVERNMENT STANCE OF THE INDEPENDENTS. THE EMBASSY
HAS NO SENSE THAT THE GIRM IS PLANNING TO RESTRICT PRESS
FREEDOMS.

NIGER

-- POLITICAL INFIGHTING:
AS A NEW POLITICAL SEASON UNFOLDS AND THE SECOND YEAR OF
THE THIRD REPUBLIC BEGINS, DISGRUNTLED ELITES, NOT
DETERMINED DEMOCRATS, HAVE TAKEN CENTER STAGE IN NIGER.
LAST WEEK THE OPPOSITION RAISED THE POLITICAL STAKES
DRAMATICALLY, CALLING FOR A CAMPAIGN OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE
AS WELL AS PROMISING TO OPEN A PARALLEL GOVERNMENT. ON
APRIL 6 THE PRESIDENT WARNED AGAINST THE USE OF FORCE AND
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PROMISED TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION, AND ON APRIL 11 THE
GOVERNMENT SEEMED TO RAISE THE STAKES FURTHER, ANNOUNCING
THAT PARLIAMENTARIANS DISOBEYING THE LAW WILL BE

ARRESTED. SO FAR THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT THE GOVERNMENT
IS FACING EITHER MUCH CIVIL DISORDER OR UNMANAGEABLE
POLITICAL CHALLENGE. BUT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
PSYCHOLOGICAL FALLOUT FROM THE SEEMING INTRACTABILITY OF
LABOR UNREST AND THE RELENTLESS POLITICAL SNIPING OF THE
OPPOSITION. THE GOVERNMENT'S OPPONENTS ARE ALSO GETTING A
BOOST FROM ITS CONFUSING REACTIONS.

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-- DELEGATION TO IBRD/IMF MEETINGS:

A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO ADMIT THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO THE IBRD/IMF SPRING MEETINGS BECAUSE THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST IS BEST SERVED BY DOING SO NOT BECAUSE THE USG IS OBLIGED TO ADMIT THEM. WE ANTICIPATE BETWEEN NINE AND 11 NIGERIANS WILL ATTEND.

-- VOTING AT IMF PROBABLY NOT AFFECTED BY DECERTIFICATION:

IT APPEARS THAT DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION TO NIGERIA WILL NOT OBLIGE THE U.S. TO VOTE AGAINST NIGERIA AT THE IMF SHOULD THE COUNTRY GET ITS MACROECONOMIC POLICY SUFFICIENTLY ON TRACK TO WARRANT IMF ASSISTANCE. THE STATUTE LISTS THE INSTITUTIONS WHERE U.S. VOTING IS AFFECTED, AND THE IMF IS NOT ONE OF THEM.

-- FAA IN LAGOS:

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION BEGAN ITS
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RE-ASSESSMENT OF AVIATION SECURITY PROCEDURES AT LAGOS AIRPORT ON APRIL 11. IT IS CLEAR THE SECURITY SITUATION HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT IT HAS BEEN SO BAD FOR SO LONG THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS MAY STILL LEAVE THE AIRPORT SHORT OF MEETING INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION STANDARDS. THE ASSESSMENT TEAM WILL BRIEF EMBASSY LAGOS INFORMALLY BEFORE DEPARTING NEXT WEEK, AND FAA AND DOT WILL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT FORMAL CONCLUSIONS LATER.

SENEGAL

-- DIOUF IN PARIS: RUMORS ABOUND:

THERE IS SPECULATION THAT SENEGALESE PRESIDENT DIOUF'S 6-DAY PARIS VISIT BEGINNING APRIL 7 WILL FOCUS MORE ON SENEGAL'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE, ALTHOUGH THE TRIP IS BEING COUCHED OFFICIALLY AS AN ECONOMIC VISIT. OTHERS SPECULATE ABOUT A POSSIBLE CABINET CHANGE (FINANCE MINISTER SAKHO NAMED AS PM) SOON AFTER DIOUF'S RETURN. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE REPORTS THAT DIOUF WILL FACE PRESSURE IN PARIS TO RELEASE THE THREE OPPOSITION LEADERS NOW IN JAIL ON CHARGES STEMMING FROM THE FEBRUARY 16 RIOTS.

-- UPDATE ON THE CASAMANCE:

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE NOVEMBER 1993, THE REBEL EPARATIST GROUP, MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF THE CASAMANCE (MFDC), IS REPORTEDLY ACTIVE, KIDNAPPING AND ROBBING AN ASSISTANT PREFET ON MARCH 25. THE INCIDENT, PROBABLY PERPETRATED BY THE MFDC'S SOUTHERN BRANCH,

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APPEARS TO BE MORE ONE OF BANDITRY THAN POLITICS.
ALTHOUGH MFDC INFIGHTING CONTINUES, THIS IS THE FIRST
REPORTED INSTANCE OF ITS SPILLING OVER INTO CRIMINAL
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ACTS. THE CASAMANCE ENJOYED A CALM AND LUCRATIVE TOURIST
SEASON AFTER TWO FINANCIALLY DISASTEROUS YEARS.

SIERRA LEONE

-- MILITARY SHAKEUP:

THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE ANNOUNCED APRIL 11 THE
COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF 14 SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS,
INCLUDING CHIEF OF STAFF MAJOR GENERAL JUSU GOTTOR AND
BRIGADIERS M. L. LYMON AND J.O.Y. TOURE. THE NEW CHIEF OF
STAFF IS COLONEL K. H. "KELLY" CONTEH. WHILE THE CHANGES
OCCUR AT A DIFFICULT JUNCTURE IN THE FIGHT WITH REBEL
FORCES, THE EMBASSY VIEWS THEM AS LONG OVERDUE.

-- MILITARY JUSTICE TRAINING ON TRACK:

PHASE III OF THE TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED IN SIERRA LEONE
BY THE U.S. NAVY JUSTICE SCHOOL APRIL 18-22. NEW RSLMF
CHIEF OF STAFF CONTEH HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PROPONENT OF
ENHANCED DISCIPLINE IN THE MILITARY AND SUPPORTS THE
TRAINING. IN RECENT WEEKS, MILITARY COMMANDERS HAVE
EXHIBITED CONCERN OVER THE MILITARY'S POOR PUBLIC IMAGE,
AND THEY WILL PUBLICIZE THE U.S.-PROVIDED TRAINING WIDELY.

-- USIS-SPONSORED DEBATES CONCLUDE:

USIS AND THE SIERRA LEONE LABOR CONGRESS (SLLC) CONCLUDED
A JOINTLY-SPONSORED SERIES OF DEBATES ON THE
CONSTITUTIONAL WORKING DOCUMENT MARCH 31. CONSISTENTLY
LARGE AND EAGER AUDIENCES HAVE ATTENDED THE 10 WEEK
SERIES. THE DEBATES MARK SLLC INVOLVEMENT IN NEW,
NON-TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE GOSL HAS RESPONDED TO
QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE DEBATES BY AMENDING A NUMBER OF
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ITEMS IN THE WORKING DOCUMENT.

TOGO

-- LEGISLATURE STANDOFF CONTINUES:

THE STANDOFF BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE OPPOSITION
CONTINUES, EXACERBATED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S UNILATERAL

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW ELECTIONS IN THE THREE CONSTITUENCIES WHOSE RESULTS WERE ANNULLED BY THE SUPREME COURT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAS PUT AT RISK TALKS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION TO RESOLVE THE IMPASSE. THE OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ARE CONTINUING THEIR BOYCOTT OF ASSEMBLY SESSIONS AND HAVE SAID THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE THREE REPLACEMENT ELECTIONS. ONE BRIGHT SPOT WAS NEWS FROM PARIS THAT THE GOF IS HOLDING TO A STRONG LINE WITH EYADEMA, TELLING HIM NO FRENCH AID WILL BE RESTORED UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNMENT ARE FUNCTIONING IN ACCORD WITH THE ORIGINAL ELECTORAL RESULTS.

, - THE DEVALUATION THREE MONTHS ON:
THREE MONTHS AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEVALUATION OF THE CFA, PRICES ARE UP, PURCHASING POWER IS DOWN, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DONE LITTLE, BUT THE DEVALUATION REMAINS A ACK-BURNER ISSUE IN TOGO. AS USUAL, THIS ASPECT OF TOGOLESE LIFE IS HOSTAGE TO THE ONGOING, SEEMINGLY ENDLESS, POLITICAL IMBROGLIO. NONETHELESS, AS PEOPLE FEEL THE ECONOMIC PINCH MORE AND MORE, FRUSTRATION OVER EVER-FALLING LIVING STANDARDS COULD LEAD TO TROUBLE IN A COUNTRY WHERE VIOLENCE MAY SEEM TO OFFER THE ONLY ANSWER.

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11. (U) THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

AF PRINCIPALS BRIEF HILL ON RWANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA

-- RWANDA:
AF DAS BUSHNELL BRIEFED SENATE AND HOUSE STAFFERS AND HFAC AF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHNSTON AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER PAYNE ON RWANDA THIS WEEK. THE HILL WAS PLEASED WITH THE SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF AMERICANS. MAJOR QUESTIONS OF THE STAFF AND MEMBERS CONCERNED LIKELY OUTCOME OF THE FACTIONAL FIGHTING; THE EFFECT OF EVENTS ON BURUNDI; THE FUTURE OF THE UNIMIR MANDATE; THE ROLES OF THE UGANDAN, FRENCH AND BELGIANS; AND U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES.

, - SOUTH AFRICA:
A/S MOOSE AND AID AA JOHN HICKS BRIEFED SENATE AND HOUSE STAFFERS AND NGO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. HFAC AF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHNSTON MODERATED THE DISCUSSION. MOST QUESTIONING WAS ON THE BALLOT PROCEDURE AND THE PLANS FOR U.S. POST - ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE.

UPCOMING HEARINGS

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-- NOMINATIONS:

THE SFRC AF SUBCOMMITTEE HAS SCHEDULED A MAY 3 HEARING FOR
AMBASSADORS - DESIGNATE HICKS (ETHIOPIA), ANDERSON
(TANZANIA), KRUEGER (BUNUNDI) AND DE JARNETTE (ANGOLA).

-- SOUTH AFRICA:

THE HFAC AS SUBCOMMITTEE HOLDS A APRIL 20 HEARING ON THE
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UPCOMING ELECTIONS. A/S MOOSE AND AID AA HICKS HAVE BEEN
ASKED TO TESTIFY.

-- AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT:

HOUSE FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN OBEY HOLDS A HEARING ON DEVELOPMENT AND
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN AFRICA ON APRIL 19TH AT 10:00
A.M. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS ASKED AID AA HICKS AND ACTING
AID AA RICHARDS TO TESTIFY.

-- HPSCI:

THE HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE IS
REQUESTING AF INTELLEGENGE COMMUNITY AND INR
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE APRIL 20 REGIONAL HEARING ON
ISSUES IN AFRICA AND THE APRIL 21 HEARING ON THE REPEAL OF
SECTION 107 OF THE FY 1987 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT
(DEALING WITH SOUTH AFRICA).

-- SECRETARY TO TESTIFY:

THE SECRETARY TESTIFIES BEFORE THE SENATE COMMERCE,
JUSTICE AND STATE APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRIL 21.

12. (U) CALENDAR 1994

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APR. 26-28: SOUTH AFRICAN MULTIRACIAL ELECTIONS.

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MAY 17: MALAWI PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
(TENTATIVE).

MAY 22: PRESIDENT DIOUF OF SENEGAL TO RECEIVE HONORARY
DOCTORATE DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

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JUNE 5: ETHIOPIAN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

AUGUST

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AUG. 28: MUNICIPAL AND DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIONS IN GABON.

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13. (LOU) A FINAL REMINDER: PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT
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